

Frequently Asked Questions During COVID-19 Suspended Services:
Criminal Procedures During Emergency Conditions

All San Diego Superior Court locations will be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, except as to those matters listed in the General Orders of the Presiding Department, Order Nos. 031820-34, 031920-35, 032420-36 and 040220-39.

All matters scheduled to be heard between March 17, 2020, and April 30, 2020, will be continued to a new date. As additional information becomes available, it will be posted to our website.

Q: What do I do if I have a court date (for example: a date for trial or other hearing) that is between March 17, 2020, and April 30, 2020?

A: All hearings and/or appearances that are scheduled for the period of March 17, 2020, through April 30, 2020, will be rescheduled and notice of the new hearing dates will be mailed out. If you have an attorney, contact your attorney, do not come to court. If you do not have an attorney, please continue to monitor the court website for more information about rescheduling as it becomes available.

Q: What if I want to put my matter on calendar between March 17, 2020, and April 30, 2020?

A: You will not be able to obtain court dates during this time period as the court is closed for most purposes. You may contact the court once it reopens to obtain a court date.

Q: I have several pending deadlines approaching. How do I obtain an extension on my court-ordered programs and other requirements?

A: If you have an attorney, please contact your attorney. All deadlines occurring between March 17, 2020, and April 30, 2020, will be extended. Please continue to monitor the court website for additional information. If your deadlines are not extended, you may come to the court when it reopens to request an extension.

Q: How will I know if my hearing has been continued? Will I be provided notice in advance?

A: Notice of rescheduled hearings will be mailed out. If you do not receive your notice and you have an attorney, contact your attorney to find out your new court date. Do not come to court. If you do not have an attorney, please continue to monitor the court website for more information about rescheduling as it becomes available.

Please refer to General Order 040220-39 and the Court's website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov) for up-to-date information.